THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 6th February 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplementary questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Depressed Classes.

Vriddhachalam Taluk Adi-Dravida Conference.

* 157 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether he has received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Vriddhachalam Taluk Adi-Dravida Conference on 13th December 1924 and the action taken by the Government thereon?

A.—The Government have not received a copy of the resolutions.

Mr R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether the Government have since received any further resolution regarding the same?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I cannot find that we have received any such resolution. But the Labour Commissioner has received a communication in connexion with a conference which took place in January last. That is all I can trace."

Treatment of depressed classes by the Brahmans of Kalpathi Agraharam.

* 158 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a memorial from the Brahmans of Kalpathi agraharams, Palghat, Malabar district, praying that no access should be given to Tiyyas, Eazhavas, Paraiyas, Nayadis, etc., to their (Brahmans) streets, as the distance approach of these classes of people would pollute them (Brahmans), their streets, dwellings, tanks and temples;